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Applicants : Hidehiko TESHIROGI et al.
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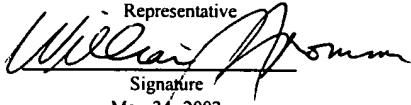
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Sir:

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the application was filed. Upon our receipt of the Official Filing Receipt, we filed a Request

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for Corrected Filing Receipt on June 27, 2001 which addressed correcting the total number of independent claims from 7 to 6. The correct fee for 6 independent claims was paid at the time the application was filed.

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We respectfully request a review of this matter at your earliest convenience as well as an explanation for the charges. If it is found that the charge is in error please credit our account in the amount of \$80.

Respectfully submitted,

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